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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HONG KONG AMCHAM RESOLUTION ON END TO

EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH SRV

REF: HONG KONG 12069

- 1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION ON LIFTING EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH VIETNAM WHICH HONG KONG AMCHAM CURRENTLY PLANS TO INTRODUCE AT KYOTO APCAC MEETING (REFTEL).
- 2. BEGIN TEXT. THE ASIA-PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS TAKES NOTE OF NEW INITIATIVES IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIETNAM. THESE INCLUDE SUCCESSFUL TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS IN HAWAII BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES IN REGARD TO IDENTIFICATION OF MIAS:, THE RETURN OF US CITIZENS AND DEPENDENTS STRANDED IN VIETNAM; THE VISIT TO VIETNAM OF A DELEGATION FROM THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG; AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY VIETNAM THAT IT IS WILLING TO DROP US ASSISTANCE TO

POSTWAR RECONSTRUCTION AS A PRECONDITION TO NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

- 3. APCAC FURTHER NOTES VIETNAMESE WILLINGNESS TO TRADE WITH THE UNITED STATES EVEN BEFORE NORMALIZATION, AND THAT SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS POTENTIAL EXISTS.
- 4. ACCORDINGLY, APCAC RESPECTFULLY URGES THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ON TRADE WITH VIETNAM, THUS PERMITTING US BUSINESSMEN TO COMPETE ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH COMPANIES OF OTHER NATIONS. END TEXT.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY TO REFTEL. IN INTERIM, CITIBANK HAS ASKED ABOUT USG'S ATTITUDE TOWARD RESOLUTIONAND WE EXPECT OTHER U.S. FIRMS TO FOLLOW SUIT.
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